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# ALA at USC

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COSTUME PARTY

Happy Fall!



We hope this message finds you well. This month we decided to put together a shorter newsletter but still provide some information to you. You'll find the monthly Student of the Month feature. Congrats Sandra Gonzalez! We have included a feature on American Archives month. We would also like to invite you all to a special event this October. Please check out our invitation to our Financial Planning Workshop! Make sure to register by the date provided and we hope to see you there. Additionally, we will be hosting a costume Zoom party on October 30! Make sure you dress up in your Halloween costume, come through and drink or chat it up with us to celebrate the fun holiday! More details to come this month. Like always, have a great month, make sure to get that rest and reading done and FIGHT ON!

-Eileen Urrutia  
ALA-SC President



And September's Student of the Month is...

# SANDRA GONZALEZ

*"Sandra has started off the MMLIS as a team leader and has gone above and beyond to help each team member feel included, follows through with tasks, updates the team in a timely manner and is always willing to help with a positive attitude." -Peer Quote*

Sandra Gonzalez is a first-semester student who wants to learn more about collections development, program development, discoverability, and search terms. Despite just starting her first semester, Sandra has already been recognized by fellow peers for her hard work in completing assignments, being helpful, and being a great team leader. She looks up to Dr. Maricela Becerra, a professor of Mexican Literature she met online. "I've followed her academic journey as she finished her dissertation and she is so inspiring."

Her favorite class is LIM 500 with Dr. Stewart, her favorite professor so far. The topics she is most interested in are intellectual freedom and discoverability. When asked what she is looking forward to most next semester, Sandra said "I am most looking forward to getting to know my new professors and if everything opens up again, I plan on visiting the USC libraries in person." When studying, she works best from the "comfort of my home on my couch or bed complete with an oversized sweater and a nice warm cup of coffee." Her dream internship would be "interning at the Smithsonian, the FBI, or even the White House library."

Once she completes the MMLIS program, she plans to take a "well deserved vacation and then start job hunting." Her long term goal includes "finding a permanent position as head librarian at a public library and hopefully working specifically in promoting literacy." A fun fact she shared with us is "I can pick stuff up with my toes. Lol!" Her advice to fellow MMLIS peers is to "Stay focused and organized. It's tough, but it is going to be so worth it at the end!"

-By Carla Hernandez



## Q & A with Sandra

**Favorite book?**

There can never be just one answer for this question. There are so many to choose from.

**If you could vacation anywhere in the world, where would you go?**

If I could vacation anywhere in the world, I'd love to visit Egypt and Greece because they are so rich in history.

**What song on your playlist do you replay the most?**

Bendiciones by Bad Bunny. Anything by Bad Bunny really.

**Last thing you read for fun?**

Once I Was You by Maria Hinojosa. It was just released this month!

**Favorite thing about fall?**

My favorite thing about fall is getting to wear my knitted sweaters and scarves.

**Favorite restaurant or eatery?**

There's this little Mexican restaurant called El Huarachito located in Lincoln Heights in Los Angeles that has the best huevos rancheros and café de la hoya for breakfast.

**What shows are you watching/streaming now?**

Lovecraft Country on HBO max. It's sooooo good!

## NOMINATE THE NEXT SOTM!

Click on the nominations link:

<https://forms.gle/qAMAMSetcQbGK3aW9>

Nomination deadline:

Oct. 19, 11:59 PM Trojan Time



# OCTOBER IS AMERICAN ARCHIVES MONTH

*By: Thalia King on behalf of the Special Libraries Association*

October is American Archives Month that celebrates the history of our democratic nation as a melting pot of global cultures. Archives serve as a sort of safety deposit box for our nation by way of preserving documents, photos, and government records for posterity. The National Archive and Records Administration (NARA) boasts inclusion of all Americans. Within the national collection there is a plethora of documentation that provides evidence to past events in the form of letters, photographs, memos, reports, and personal notes. With all that data, one might wonder, “Can I learn more about the colorful tapestry that makes up the American people?”

Last month the National Archives celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month by offering access to artifacts related to influential Latinx Americans. President Ronald Reagan made the heritage month official in 1988 bringing national awareness to a vibrant and important community within the fabric of our nation. [Click here](#) to learn more about Hispanic Heritage.

The Archives Library Information Center (ALIC) offers access to materials on Black History. The collection includes photos and military records dating back through both WWII and the Civil War. The collection on Civil Rights is becoming more significant as American citizens take to the streets to protest systemic racism. These documents may very well hold the keys to opening the eyes of all Americans who do not fully understand the true history of our nation.

The ALIC also preserves documentation on Native American Tribal History including Treaties with the United States. Within the Native American collection there are links to the Ancient Architects of the Mississippi dating back to 800C.E. and a list of National Park Services that highlight American Indian culture.

References:







# **GOT LOANS? YOU ARE INVITED TO A FINANCIAL PLANNING WORKSHOP!**

**PRESENTED BY USC ALUM  
ALEXANDER CARRILLO**



## **PROFESSIONAL BIO**

With 9 years of experience in financial services, Alex owns and operates a wealth advisory practice, focused on retirement planning for individuals and business owners. His key areas of expertise are life insurance, annuities, and managed investments; with an emphasis on risk mitigation and long-term planning.

Alex is an honored graduate of the University of Southern California, earning a Bachelor's degree in Economics. Joining Capstone Partners and Mass Mutual in 2018, he now serves as principal Investment Advisor for Capstone Partners in Pasadena. Before starting his own practice, Alex began his career at LPL Financial as junior Advisor, later transitioning to Securities America as Vice-President and Senior Financial Advisor, based in Downtown Los Angeles.

**OCTOBER 15  
7PM TROJAN TIME**

Please join us for a presentation on budgeting, savings and strategies on how to pay off your student loans after you graduate. Register through the link below to obtain the zoom link. We hope to see you all there!

## **REGISTRATION LINK**

<https://forms.gle/S8wxgrVTaRdGLAHS7>



Crawling out of your skin?

Creep on over



Halloween Costume Zoom

October 30th Friday at 6pm PST

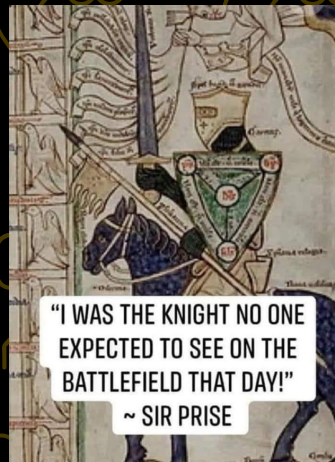


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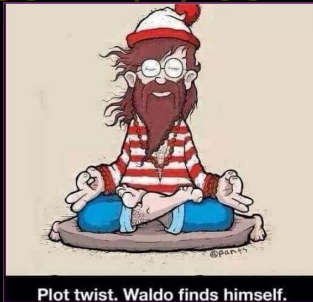
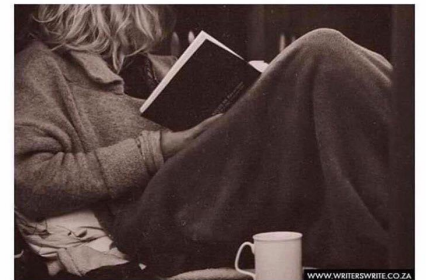
NEED A LAUGH?

WE HAVE COMPILED EVEN MORE MMLIS MEMES FOR THE FALL SEMESTER  
ENJOY!

When I'm shopping with my friends  
and I see a bookstore in the  
distance ...



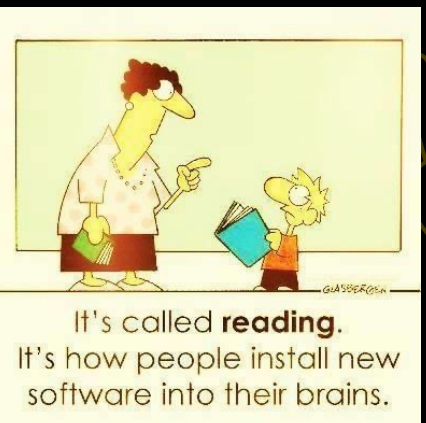
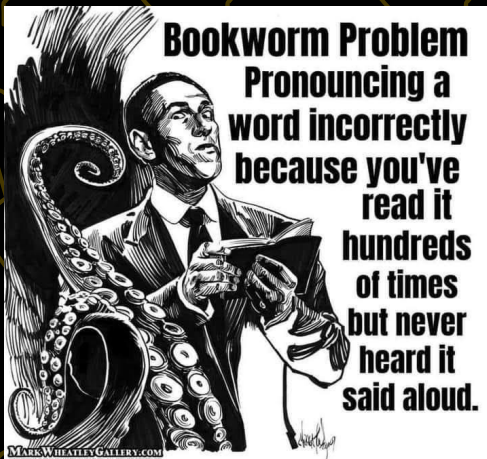
DRINK YOUR COFFEE.  
READ YOUR BOOKS.  
IT'S CHAOS OUT THERE.



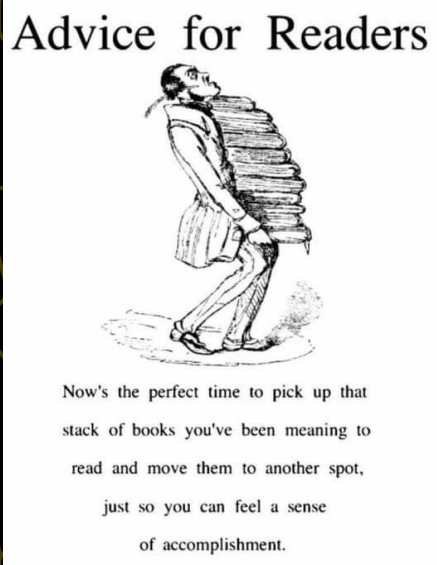
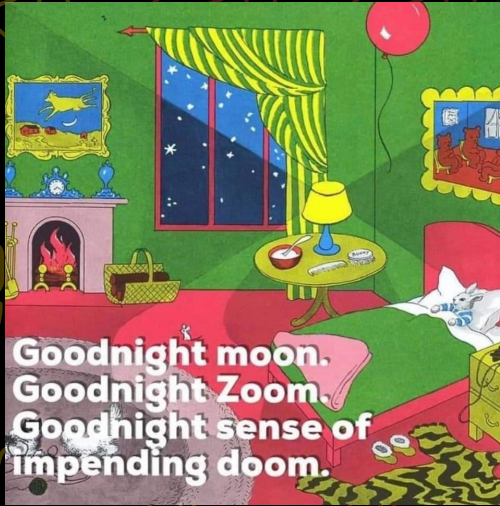
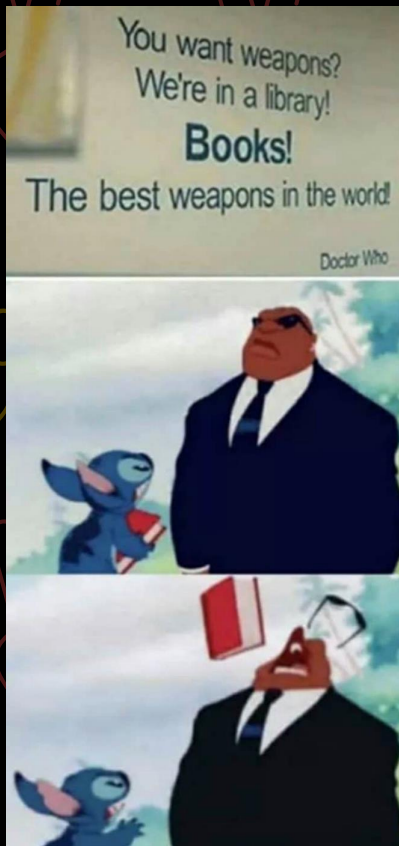
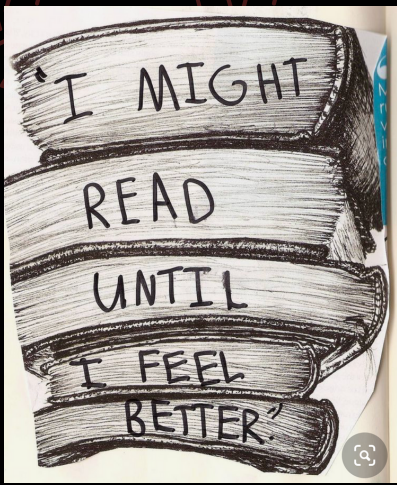
When you ask Santa for a puppy but  
accidentally write Satan



When your spell is taking too long to  
manifest and your life is falling apart in the  
meantime









## **ALA at USC**

### **Board Members**

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## **LET US KNOW!**

**Suggestions for our next Newsletter?**

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